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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: ISOLATED CATHEPSIN L TYPE	)	
CYSTEINE PROTEASES AND	)	
REDUCING INTERCORNEOCYTE	)	
COHESION/PROMOTING	)	
DESQUAMATION THEREWITH	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly replace the Paragraph Beginning at Page 1, Line 5 with the following:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/143,446, filed on August 28, 1998, which claims priority from French Application No. 97-10818, filed August 29, 1997, which are herein incorporated by reference.--